

Although last year's unprecedented public outcry did not prevent the FCC from disregarding its fiduciary responsibility (to maintain the public's interest by keeping the airwaves in the possession of the public and not 5 media monopolies), I do not think ignoring the current public outcry is advisable for those interested in keeping their jobs as public servants. Please do the right thing, abide by your fiduciary responsibility, and help us on this public airwaves issue:

SINCLAIR BROADCASTING's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.